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TO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DR IMPORT RESTRICTIONS-AUTOMOBILES

REF: A. SANTO DOMINGO 4041

B. MTN GENEVA 6739

1. PER FIRST SENTENCE, PARA. TWO, OF REF. A, WE WOULD HOPE
THAT IF THE DR FINDS IT NECESSARY TO RESTRICT IMPORTS FOR
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS REASONS, IT WILL DO SO IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ITS GATT OBLIGATIONS, AND WILL MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF
MARKET-ORIENTED MEASURES, E.G. TARIFF SURCHARGES, IN
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PREFERENCE TO MORE ARBITRARY MECHANISMS, E.G. QUANTITATIVE

RESTRICTIONS OR RESTRICTIVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

2. FOR AUTOMOBILES SPECIFICALLY YOU MIGHT DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS. WHEN COUNTRIES ARE CONSIDERING AUTOMOBILE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS REASONS, WE WOULD URGE NONDISCRIMINATORY MEASURES THAT MAY CUT AUTOMOBILE IMPORTS BUT NOT BAN THEM OR SET THE LEVEL BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION. TARIFF INCREASES ARE THEREFORE GENERALLY MORE ACCEPTABLE THAN LICENSING OR QUOTA RESTRICTIONS. WHILE WE DO NOT ENDORSE TWO-TIER TARIFF RATES, AS APPLIED BY THE DR, DIFFERENTIAL TARIFF RATES BASED ON FOB VALUE ARE NO LONGER AUTOMATICALLY

DISCRIMINATORY TO U.S. EXPORTS OF AUTOMOBILES. OTHER BASES, SUCH AS WHEEL BASE, NUMBER OR VOLUME OF CYLINDERS, WEIGHT, HORSEPOWER, OR CUBIC INCH DISPLACEMENT, ARE USUALLY MORE DISADVANTAGEOUS TO U.S. EXPORTS OF PASSENGER CARS. ROBINSON

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